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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING UNIVERSAL REMOTE CONTROL
OF COMPUTING DEVICES**

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In advance of examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The system and methods for providing universal remote control of computing

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devices are further described with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:--

Please substitute pages 24 through 28 (Appendices A and B) of the Specification with the attached five pages.

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the present amendment, the Appendices will have been replaced with substitute Appendices. The Specification was amended on page 3 to appropriately conform the brief description of the drawings to the Title of the Invention. The Appendices were amended to correct for matters of form in the XML schema described as exemplary. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Favorable consideration and passage to issue of the application at the Examiner's earliest convenience are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current preliminary amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The system and methods for [dynamic authorization in a computer system]
providing universal remote control of computing devices are further described with
reference to the accompanying drawings in which:--

Pages 24 through 28 (Appendices A and B) of the Specification have been substituted.